

January 31, 2011

City of Auburn
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

Attn: Members of the Planning Commission

The letter is written in opposition of the two alternate entry points, Pacific Street & south of Pacific Street, to the Baltimore Ravine Project.

These two alternatives are being considered because the residents of Herdal neighborhood are opposed to Herdal Drive becoming the main access point to Baltimore Ravine. However, the Herdal development, the traffic light at Auburn Folsom, the realignment of Sacramento Street and even the placement of the Maidu Fire Station were all designed, engineered and built with the knowledge that Herdal Drive would be the primary entry point into Baltimore Ravine. Even the residents of the Herdal development knew of the long-term plans when their houses were constructed or purchased.

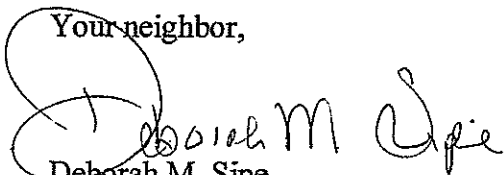
While the residents of the Herdal development will suffer from increased traffic and noise, they will not experience a loss of their property or homes unlike the results if the alternate entry points at Pacific or south of Pacific are chosen. These alternatives require a taking of private property. This is not just any property, it is some of the longest, and continually owned family property within the city limits. 390, 396 and 400 Baltimore Road are the original homestead of Benjamin Franklin Myers, first superior court judge in Placer County, and his wife Ella McDaniel, daughter of William McDaniel, an Old Town Auburn proprietor. The property has been handed down through the family for over 150 years.

The original homestead has been whittled down over the last century and half, first by the construction of the transcontinental railroad and second by the construction of Hwy 40 and later Hwy 80. Additionally, the property has been impacted by the easements for Auburn's sewer infrastructure and finally with high voltage power lines needed to construct the Auburn Dam.

Now, because recent arrivals to Auburn are fighting the implementation of pre-existing development plans, the City Council is asking the Planning Commission to take another 8-10 acres of this original homestead.

Honorable Commissioners, please say no. Protect my children's right to live and thrive in Auburn as their parents and grandparents have done for generations.

Your neighbor,


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cc: Auburn City Council

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